

Information Received During the Assessment Process

During the Assessment development, we received information to be considered from several members of the public, organizations, and other government entities. We will continue to consider this information for the duration of our planning process, including during the development of the draft Plan, its alternatives and the Environmental Impact Statement analysis.

In addition to the information identified below, we received comments from more than 400 individuals.

Resource Topic	Information	Person or Entity Sharing Information
All Assessment topics	Recommended datasets and hyperlinks to sources for all sections of the analysis	Southern Environmental Law Center
All Assessment topics	Reference information	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Aquatics	Maxent data (aquatic species) from the USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Benefits	Survey results from two questions about benefits of Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests	WildSouth
Climate Change	Downscaled climate projections	The Nature Conservancy's Climate Wizard
Climate Change	Projected tree distributions from the climate change atlas for tree species (Prasad and Iverson 1999-ongoing)	USDA FS Northern Research Station, Forestry Sciences Laboratory
Cultural Resources	Data and recommendations for historic trails	WildSouth
Cultural Resources	Interpretive opportunities using Cherokee history & syllabary	Heritage Natural Resources Consulting
Designated Areas	Proposal for historic Cherokee trails and corridors	WildSouth
Designated Areas	Benefit analysis for a potential John's River Scenic Area	WildSouth
Designated Areas	North Carolina's Mountain Treasures	The Wilderness Society
Energy and Mineral Resources	Potential energy and mineral resources	North Carolina Geological Survey
Minerals	Photos of locally collected minerals and proposal for rockhounding	Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association
Recreation	Recreation Resources (Whitewater, Climbing, and Biking) and recreational preferences statistics	Outdoor Alliance

Recreation – Climbing	Resources on climbing policy and practices	Carolina Climbers Coalition
Recreation – Climbing	GIS Coordinates of climbing areas within the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests	Access Fund
Recreation – Mountain Biking	Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests Mountain Biking Overview	International Mountain Bicycling Association
Recreation – User Conflicts	Study/Panel assessment of water flow preferences and access by angling and boating recreationists	Bamford
Recreation – Water Activities	Whitewater Rivers and Boating areas in the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests	American Whitewater
Terrestrial Ecosystems	Canopy gap dynamics and disturbances in eastern forests	Catawba College Department of Biology
Terrestrial Ecosystems	LiDAR processed data with development of models for canopy height, canopy cover, and shrub density; models derived for Nantahala & Pisgah NFs proclamation boundary	Western NC Alliance / contract for Fire Learning Network
Terrestrial Ecosystems	Literature Review on Disturbance	Southern Research Station - Bent Creek
Terrestrial Ecosystems	Past Literature/Publications on Shortleaf Pine	Blanton
Terrestrial Ecosystems	Departure Analysis	WildSouth
Terrestrial Ecosystems	ForWarn Database Analysis of declines and increases	Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center
Terrestrial Ecosystems	TACCIMO - Literature Review Materials	Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center
Terrestrial Ecosystems	Southern Blue Ridge: Core Forest Delineation	The Nature Conservancy
Terrestrial Ecosystems	Southern Blue Ridge: An Analysis of Matrix Forests	The Nature Conservancy
Terrestrial Ecosystems	Historical Extent of Spruce in Southern Appalachians	Western NC Alliance
Terrestrial Ecosystems	Natural Heritage Program 2013 Biennial Report	NC Natural Heritage Program
Terrestrial Ecosystems	Roan Mountain Massif Conservation Site (Landscape) Design	Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
Terrestrial Ecosystems	US Fish and Wildlife Asheville Field Office Prioritization Map	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Tribal Resources	Traditional Cultural Properties data	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office
Tribal Resources	Suggestions for incorporating Traditional Cultural Properties in forest management; incorporate Traditional Tribal Ecological Knowledge; Historic Landscape management designated traditional areas	Heritage Natural Resources Consulting
Water and Soils	Road Risk Assessment	Wilderness Society
Wildlife	Golden Winged Warbler Information	NC Wildlife Resources Commission